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1. THE MARCH 5 ISSUE OF THE TIBET DAILY CONTAINS A STINGING CRITICISM OF THE TIBET PORTION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, AND STRONGLY IMPLIES THAT THE REPORT IS BEING USED AS A MEANS TO SPLIT CHINA. THE TIBETAN RESPONSE EMPHASIZES PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DOES NOT COMMENT ON MUCH OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, AND IS HEAVY ON DIATRIBE.

2. THE REPORT, DATED IN BEIJING, QUOTES MEMBERS OF TIBET'S DELEGATION TO THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SAYING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT TWISTED FACTS, CONFUSED RIGHT AND WRONG AND INTERFERED IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CHINA. ONE NPC DELEGATE CITED RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH AND A GDP TEN TIMES THE AMOUNT BEFORE 1951 AS EVIDENCE OF THE IMPROVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS, AS CONTRASTED WITH OLD TIBET, WHEN "WE SERFS HAD ENDLESS HARD WORK AND SUFFERING AND HUMAN RIGHTS ONLY BELONGED TO THE SERF OWNERS."

3. PARTY SECRETARY CHEN KUIYUAN AND HIS DEPUTY RAIDI BOTH CITED THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TO TIBETAN DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE 2.2 BILLION USD INVESTED SINCE 1952 AS EVIDENCE THAT CHINA HAD PROVIDED THE MOST IMPORTANT HUMAN RIGHT, THE RIGHT TO SUBSISTENCE.

4. OTHER COMMENTS IN THE STORY CALLED THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT A LIE AND UTTERLY GROUNDLESS. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT "TIBET IS PART OF CHINA."

IRREGARDLESS OF WHOEVER ATTEMPTS TO USE HUMAN RIGHTS AS A WEAPON TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE TIBETAN QUESTION AND TO VAINLY ATTEMPT TO SPLIT CHINA.

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